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SUBJECT: Church-State Relations

Summary: New government pressures on Church leadership in São Paulo have increased tensions in Church-State relations. End Summary.

1. On April 13 Federal Police began on-site censorship of Church's official weekly newspaper, O São Paulo. Censors barred publication of article in May 6 edition and paper carried ~~blank~~ ^{blank} space on front page where article would have appeared. Church authorities claim this first time in Brazilian history that their official publications have been subjected to censorship. Internal ~~bulletin~~ ^{bulletin} of São Paulo ~~Archdiocese~~ ^{Archdiocese} announced imposition of censorship of O São Paulo and charged it violated laws adopted by present government. ~~the~~ ^{the} Bulletin/carried/censored article which criticized Justice Minister Buzaid and federal police for accusations made against

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